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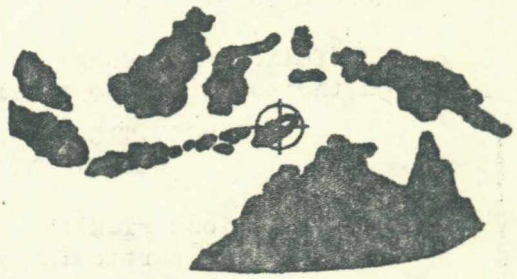

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STATEMENT

The Campaign for Independent East Timor (CIET) fully endorses the Statement by Ministers of the Democratic Republic of East Timor (DRET) rejecting any proposal for a "compromise" solution involving Fretilin accepting an "autonomous province" in East Timor as a solution.(See statement on reverse of this sheet).

In statements reprinted in East Timor News Nos. 3 and 4, the Fretilin Central Committee, through Mr Alarico Fernandes,Secretary for Information and National Security, has strongly rejected any suggestion of a solution short of the total, immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Indonesian troops from the Democratic Republic of East Timor, and the recognition of DRET as a sovereign, independent and free State.

The revolution of the Maubere people is an irreversible process. After 17 months of resisting and defeating the Suharto invasion, it is now clear that the East Timorese people will never be defeated, and that victory is,indeed, certain.

It is unfortunate that persons in Australia and the United States, some because they believe that such a "compromise" will resolve the fighting and stop the killing, others because they want to get Indonesia "off the hook", and others for more sinister reasons, have begun to advocate such a solution.

An autonomous province, which would deny the East Timorese people independence, maintain and extend Indonesian dictatorial control, and prove to be a bloody trap for the East Timorese people and their leadership, the Fretilin CC, will not, in fact, end the bloodshed,but only extend it, because Suharto would inflict a bloody repression on the East Timorese people if they were fool enough to accept such a"solution!" The only solution to the massacres, torture and bloodshed is the immediate, unconditional, and total withdrawal of Indonesian troops from DRET, and recognition of the DRET as a sovereign and independent State. Until that occurs, we fully support the East Timorese people and their leadership, the Fretilin Central Committee, who are fully aware of the manouvres of imperialism and the Suharto regime, to snatch the inevitable victory from their grasp, and to divide their leadership.

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PRESS RELEASE

APPEAL TO STOP EXECUTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS:

The following message to the Campaign for Independent East Timor was received on the public radio receiver at 10am on April 2 :

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR --FRETILIN
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

On the serious risk the lives of the political prisoners in the Indonesians' bloody hands particularly in Dili.

According to the latest reports of the escaped ones have assured that it's imminent that the execution of the political prisoners, mainly the Fretilin Central Committee members, relatives and supporters.

Meanwhile, brutalities and tortures of all kinds are being intensified on the prisoners by the Indonesian troops. We appeal to the world,countries and peoples, purely lovers of peace, freedom and progress to strongly act in the way to publicly condemn Indonesia and force it to respect the life of the political prisoners as well as to stop with the inhuman tortures.

Independence or death. The victory is certain. Armed struggle is continuing.

Highest regards, 2/4/77
A. Jorge Fernandes,
Secretary of the Department for Information and National Security of the Fretilin Central Committee.

(The message continues :)
Further details on treatment of political prisoners to come later .I will also give names and behaviour of the bloody Indonesian troops.

Fighting is continuing very intense in East Timor everywhere but everywhere Maubere people is heroically defending and defeating the enemy in all fronts. The enemy is highly demoralised according to some information confident(ial) reaching us from some Indonesian troops.

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STATEMENT FROM FRETILIN DELEGATION, MAPUTO, POEPLES REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

East Timor became an independent state on November 28,1975. When Indonesian armed forces invaded Dili on December 7, this aggression was against an independent State and a sovereign people. Seventeen months after the invasion Indonesia has now been compelled to recognise Fretilin's popular and military strength. Indonesia knew how to start a war but does not know how to end it. Fretilin will end the war only when the inalienable rights of the people are respected. The people of East Timor have been fighting and dying not to be a privileged Indonesian "province" but to be truly free,independent and sovereign. The Central Committee has time and again stated the determination of the people of East Timor to continue the war until total liberation of East Timor. The external front of the Democratic Republic of East Timor and of the Central Committee of Fretilin policy is the Central Committee policy. All negotiations should be based on the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions on East Timor.
4/4/77. Signed: Mari Alkatiri, Abilio Araujo, Ramos Horta.

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STATEMENT BY DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR MINISTERS

There have been various speculations about Fretilin position regarding possible talks with the government of Jakarta. In order to make clear our position , we have decided :

1 -- We reject any proposals of talks that are not based on the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council resolutions, i.e. , unconditional withdrawal of Indonesian forces from the territory of the Democratic Republic of East Timor, recognition of the right of the people of East Timor to independence.

2 -- We reaffirm our unshakeable determination to defend the cause of independence proclaimed on November 28,1975.

3 -- We strongly reject manouvres and interference from the part of individuals outside the Central Committee of Fretilin and the Government of the Democratic Republic of East Timor.

4 -- We reaffirm that the only solution for the war in East Timor would be for the Suharto regime to accept its mistake and defeat on all fronts.

5 -- We reaffirm our readiness to establish relationship of co-operation with all meighbourly states, including Indonesia, based on the principle of equality, reciprocity of benefits, mutual respect for the sovereignty and independence, non-interference in the domestic affairs of east State.

Signed:
Mari Alkatiri (Minister of State for Political Affairs)
Abilio Araujo (Minister of State for Economic and Social Affairs)
Ramos Horta (Minister for External Relations)
Rogerio Lobato (Minister for National Defence)

Maputo, Peoples Republic of Mozambique, 5/4/77

(Note: This was sent in English by telex.Reproduced without correction --ETNA)

STATEMENT BY CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR (SYDNEY)
ON FORMATION OF "FRIENDS OF NEW TIMOR" IN PERTH

The Campaign for Independent East Timor (CIET) today received a letter dated 5/4/77 from "Friends of New Timor" in Perth announcing its formation "by refugees from East Timor after their arrival in Australia." The signature is however that of "the co-ordinator, Laurence J Downey", and the address that of the "Social Research and Development Centre" in West Perth.

We do not know who Mr Downey is,nor his organisation ,nor the refugees who have allegedly formed the organisation. However, we find ourselves in total disagreement with the stated aims of the new organisation. We also understand that the main movers among the refugees are former UDT and APODETI leaders, who fled here after the defeat of the their attempted coup in August 1975. Among these ex-UDT leaders are persons who killed Fretilin people and ordinary villagers during the coup.

The "Friends of New Timor" has adopted a flag -- similar to the DRET flag, except for crucial difference : the main body of the flag is in fact the Indonesian

flag of red and white, while even the white star on the DRET flag is transformed into a red-and-white one !

The "broad aims" of the new body are (and we will analyse them one by one) :

-- "to put an end to hostilities in Timor". The only way that hostilities can be ended in East Timor is by the total and unconditional withdrawal of Indonesian troops. Yet the "Friends of New Timor" propose another formula -- unity of East and West Timor under Indonesian supervision and "gradual independence" under their control. The new body, however, overlooks the basic fact that it is the people of East Timor who are fighting for their independence, totally united under Fretilin leadership. The East Timorese people will never surrender their arms, or stop the war of liberation, for some fake promise of "gradual independence" supervised by Indonesia. Thus any such fake solution would mean the "National Coalition Government" would have to rely on Indonesian troops to continue the war.

-- " to encourage all the Timorese people living outside Timor in refugee camps, both in Australia and Portugal to return to their homeland". Again, this new body ignores the fact that no refugee wants to do that, and that on the contrary, even by Indonesian estimates, there are 7,000 Timorese who want to leave.

-- " to negotiate with the Indonesian Government (West Timor Administration) to establish the unity of East and West Timor as an Independente Nation." This is again wishful thinking -- unless such a "nation" was a puppet State, and the Indonesians and their imperialist supporters thought this would open the way to destroy the resistance of the East Timorese people.

-- "to invite the Indonesian Government and representatives of the Australian Government and the United Nations Organisation to supervise a gradual independence with the establishment of a National Coalition Government based upon Christian principles and self-determination." Of course, this is again wishful thinking, as Fretilin would never accept to take part in such a farce, while the Indonesians would also refuse, precisely because they cannot possibly gain anything.

However, behind this wishful thinking lies something more disturbing. The ex-UDT leaders who have seen their hopes dashed of becoming the Thieus and Lon Nols of East Timor , because the Suharto regime has refused to pay them enough or to give them sufficient standing and power, now hope, given Suharto's failure to conquer East Timor, that they will be able to find a new role as puppets of Suharto and imperialism. They dream of returning to Timor from a humble exile, to become the new elite, even under Suharto's supervision.

On the other hand, imperialism, referred euphemistically in the letter as the "Free World", also now realises the predicament of Suharto in East Timor. The letter claims "the Free World is ready and willing to help Timor establish itself into a strong new Nation, but it cannot and will not move in until hostilities cease and negotiations begin." We believe that imperialism does realise that if Fretilin is to be defeated , it must divide the East Timorese people, form a puppet Timorese regime with some semblance of reality, and try to form a reactionary army to fight Fretilin, on the lines it developed in Vietnam.Cambodia and Laos.

Any such plans -- which exist in other forms elsewhere -- must be strongly rejected. On the other hand, they must be recognised as a backhanded compliment to the heroic East Timorese people : significant sections of worldwide reaction now understand that the East Timorese people cannot be defeated while the present situation remains. So, new plans are hatched, manouvres go on to divide Fretilin (a fruitless exercise), and to confuse public opinion in Australia and elsewhere. -- CIET, 7/4/77

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CIET , Sydney. January 24, 1977

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TO ALL CIET AND AETA GROUPS

Dear friends,

Please find enclosed some statements from DRET Ministers and by CIET (Sydney) relating to manouvres opening up for "an autonomous province" etc..

It is our view that the AETA and CIET groups should not take the initiative in opening up a public controversy on these questions, which could only serve to develop confusion among the Australian people.

However, we believe that it is necessary for all groups and supporters to be conscious of developments, and therefore are forwarding you these releases, on the understanding that they are for internal discussion, and only to be released to the press and media if the questions raised become public matters, and that we do not take the initiative.

The same applies, we believe, to the "Friends of New Timor". We should not give them free publicity by raising these matters, except obviously in Perth itself, or if there is widespread coverage in other States or if similar organisations get off the ground in other cities.

On the other hand, the message from Alarico Fernandes concerning the danger to political prisoners needs the widest possible publicity.

Hope this is OK. Please let us know your views...

EAST TIMOR NEWS

Please find below a summary of what you owe us, according to our calculations... if you think it is wrong,please let us know. If it is right, the quickest possible payment would be appreciated. Closing date for press cuttings etc.. for ET News No. 5 is APRIL 15. Our schedule is typing up etc by April 16, to printer April 18, printed April 19 or 20, and mailed out immediately ...

WHAT YOU OWE US ...
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Venceremos !
Fraternally,
Denis Freney,for ETNA

PS . Funds are enough now (if you pay your debts quickly !) to go to an eight-pager if material warrants,and we have enough time and resources.We'll look at this in regard to ET NEWS No. 5. But for the moment, it would be a once-only operation, until we see how the money continues to come in ....

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FULL TEXT OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCAST OVER RADIO MAUBERE APRIL 15,1977

Hello Australia, hello Australia. From East Timor, the Department of Information and National Security to all of you ,on behalf of the people of East Timor and ourselves, we present revolutionary greetings to comrades of the Campaign for Independent East Timor (CIET) across Australia and brother Australian people in general, and all of you Timorese refugees in Australia.

(MUSIC)

Comrades of CIET acdoss Australia and brother Australian people. Tonight our meeting is just to talk about the Mrs Helen Meyner visit to the capital Dili. Of course there is a message to warn her about the events during her visit to Dili. At the same time, we wish to warn her that we have everything organised to detect whether she came to Dili to learn the true or to appease the criminal Indonesians.

(MUSIC)

The heroic people of East Timor are constanyl following with great appreciation and sympathy the great action carried out by the comrades of the CIET across Australia and the brother Australian people on behalf of their just struggle around the world. Now, we wish to ask you to also follow the action of Mrs. Helen Meyner in Dili

(MUSIC)

Well, hello Mrs Helen Meyner, American Republican now in Dili, East Timor. Hello Mrs Helen Meyner, good evening, and here have a good relax if possible. However, I do wish to advise you that you can't relax because shooting is going on all over the territory and shedded Timorese blood is running over you. A horrible bloodshed caused by the continued Indonesian criminal war aggression where atrocities committed by the Indonesian troops are terrible.

Two days before your coming, on April 14th and 15th, the fierce fighting went on in the GEONAS (?) area of the capital Dili. There is no doubt because Indonesian notified to anyone their criminal action carrying out in East Timor as you have told to the newsmen because Indonesia will never permit you to visit freely the territory as we have already denounced to the world that Indonesian troops in the interior of East Timor have camouflaged heavy artillery,tanks and armoured cars into the bush in the vicinity of the capital Dili and some villages across the territory.

We have also denounced that the Indonesian soldiers have been prepared as Timorese persons and to incorporate among the defenceless captured and unsatisfied population to force them to shout pro-Indonesian slogans.

Mrs Helen Meyner, you will be witness of the most shameful criminal farce represented by the corrup Jakarta Government in East Timor.

(music)

In recent days, Mr Goodling has stated in Jakarta that the people of East Timor should determine their future. It's very correct. The people of East Timor are lookin

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for their own future. For that reason, they are delighted to resist the vandal Indonesian invaders, who violate their freedom , sovereignty , international integrity, because East Timor is already a free,independent nation, recognised as such by many nations over the world.

When you have declared that you would visit East Timor also to check the people of East Timor truth and the corrupt Indonesian government views ,we will warn you the Jakarta Government has no influence in East Timor because the great mass of the people of East Timor are heroically continuing fighting Indonesian soldiers all over the country and evident, too, of their strong repudiation of the Indonesian presence in East Timor, their beloved country.

Well, another very significant proof is also the repudiation requested by the former UDT and APODETI supporters to the Indonesian presence on East Timor. The great majority of them are anxious to leave the capital Dili to any foreign country. Why now after letting themselves falling into the bloody hands of the criminal Indonesian aggressor, why now try to ask them whether they want or not to leave Dili. It would be a very funny thing.

Mrs Meyner, now try to find out the political prisoners in Dili. Be brave to ask them how they are suffering in Indonesian bloody hands.When you are talking to any prisoners, particularly any of Fretilin Central Committee members, ask if you can get propoer opinion and so tell that to Fretilin leaders in the outside world, it would also be an interesting experience.

Meanwhile, we repeat that it will be very hard for you to find out the political prisoners particularly the Fretilin CC members because they have been as usual emptying the jails and hiding the prisoners in the vicinity of central Dili , mainly in a place called Mataralo (? correct spelling ??) in order to prevent any contact with the visitor. However, we think that Mrs Helen Meyner is afraid to speak in this way for human rights.

We say again, we think that Mrs Helen Meyner are afraid to act in this way,to find out the political prisoners, to talk to them to ask their names,to give a proper opinion.

Dear friends, in this way, we will be informed about your actions ,if you will act according to your last campaign throughout the world for the human rights.

The people of East Timor who are defending their nation , we that you will (should ?) denounce to the world the corrupt Indonesian criminal artions in East Timor or the people of East Timor will also call you afraid and who will always be afraid.

(Music)

Mrs Helen Meyner,we are following you step by step even in Dili or wherever you are in East Timor and we will know shortly after how you are acting. We do warn you that the people of East Timor are the sole masters of East Timor and their deepest aspiration is to live free and independent in the Democratic Republic of East Timor.

Mrs Helen Meyner, your visit to East Timor is essentially to learn the truth and never to appease Indonesian criminal actions in East Timor.

The only way to stop the bloodshed and the tension in the region is the immediate

and unconditional withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor ,according to the United Nations General Assembly resolution.

Negotiations never ... Independence or death ... The Victory is certain ... Armed struggle is continuing against the Indonesians...

To the comrades of CIET and brother Australian people in general, thanks a lot for your listening . Now we have the pleasure to present the National News,from the Democratic Republic of East Timor National Radio , read by Alarico Jorge Fernandes :

BAGUIA: The enemy is trying by all means to occupy Baguia village but Fretilin revolutionary forces are heroically resisting.

LAGA: On March 26th, one comrade named MANUEL CASTRO has escaped from the Indonesian concentration camp in Laga. He has reported in Laga the captured population are highly unsatisfied and there are more and more starving abd big victims of the atrocities being carried out by the Indonesian troops. The females are being violated and many people are continually dying due to the lack of medicaments. The Indonesian troops have executed more population. There are the names : INACIO DE CARVALHO..... (name indecipherable), AUGUSTO CABRAL, JULIO DA CARVALHO , ANTONIO .. CARVAHLO ... including 25 civilians amongst them women whose identification is not know.

BAUCAU; On April 10th the enemy has tried to advance over LOILUBO , has fallen in a booby trap and has died 32 Indonesian soldiers and lots of wounded. Meanwhile, the glorious Falintil has repelled the enemy to UAIBANA .In reprisal the enemy has strongly shelled Loilubo areas with mortar fire. Fretilin revolution forces in sweeping (mopping up ?) operations have found ammunitions, medicaments and several war equipment left behind by the enemy. Fretilin forces didn't suffer any casualties.

FOHOREM: The enemy is continuously shelling the outskirts of the village with heavy mortar fire , Indonesian warships are continuously patrolling the area from Suai to Alas. Also the Indonesian war aircraft are violating the airspace of the locality.

DILI : On March this year the Indonesian troops have murdered the unforgotten comrade BERE MATA RUAK -- CALCANA in the CAMARO RIVER . In the first week of February fighting went on in the BENAMALUK (River) ,Dili outskirts, where over ten Indonesian soldiers have died and Fretilin have suffered one death. Dili popylation are more and more unsatisfied with Indonesian presence in East Timor.

(Mr Alarico Fernandes then signs off, sending greetings etc....)

NOTE: Transcritpion thanks to Rob Wesley-Smith in Darwin, and double checked in Sydney against the tape of the broadcast, which can be inspected at CIET office.

THE ABOVE TRANSCRIPT MAY BE REPRODUCED . An acknowledgement would be appreciated.

CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR
fourth floor, 232 Castlereagh St., Sydney NSW 2000 April 19

Dear friend,

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS :

GNERAL MEETING APRIL 28 (Thursday), 7.30pm -- 4th floor, 232 Castlereagh St., Sydney -- and every second Thursday thereafter.... This next meeting is an important one to plan May Day activities, May 20 actions, continuing union contact and next issue of East Timor News etc..

TIMOR TEACH-IN SATURDAY APRIL 30, 10am to 5pm -- SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM corner King and Elizabeth Streets.... Speakers include Jim Dunn, Chris Santos, Bill Byrne (Australian Catholic Relief), Warwick Neilly (CIET) .... sposnored by AETA.... Timor film will be shown.

MAY DAY ... March with CIET on May Day ... assemble Hay St. 1.30pm. We need sellers for East Timor News and friends to collect signatures and donations for public radio transmitter appeal

PUBLIC RADIO TRANSMITTER -- to date over $1300 has been collected nationally for the receiver-transmitter to be set up in Darwin, We hope it will be operative in the next fortnight. Please be ready for action to support it...

MAY 20 CELEBRATION -- May 20 is the third anniversary of the founding of FRETILIN. We have not yet decided how to celebrate -- that will be for decision on the April 28 general meeting... more information later...

EAST TIMOR NEWS The enclosed issue is a special eight-pager produced in 3500 copies. It will have a particularly wide distribution overseas. Thanks for your generous support -- and we hope that if you have not already subscribed you will do so, and encourage friends to also do so

DRET INFORMATION OFFICE APPEAL ... The Melbourne Australia East Timor Association has appealed for support for Chris Santos, DRET Information Officer in Victoria, to help support his office and activities. All donations should be sent to the DRET Information office appeal c/- AETA, c/- 208 Little Lonsdale St., Melbourne Vic 3000. We have made many appeals for your support, but we hope you will be able to spare something for this important appeal.

WORK-BEES -- if you have some time to spare , there is always plenty of work to be done in the new CIET/ETNA office. Any time you have will be appreciated. Also any office furniture , supplies etc.. you have no use of would be very grafefully accepted.

Also, please let us know if you are willing to sell East Timor News at meetings, rallies, demonstrations etc.. We particularly need you help in selling East Timor News on May Day -- an excellent opportunity to get our message across to a sympathetic audience....

Thanks in advance for your help,

Denis Freney, secretary, CIET

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PRESS RELEASE -- INDONESIANS HIDE WOUNDED AND HEAVY WEAPONS DURING AMERICAN CONGRESS TOUR

The following message was received on the public radio receiver in Darwin on April 20, 1977.

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR -- FRETILIN
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

To the Campaign for Independent East Timor across Australia

Indonesian troops atrocities in East Timor are continuing and tried to be silenced

American armaments are continuously used by the Indonesian troops in East Timor to massacre and murder the population.

Since April 10, up to now, Indonesian air force have intensified heavy bombardments in the territory , using two Bronco OV-10 and two bombarders (bombers?) murdering wounding a great number of Timorese people including children and burning out villages and properties. BAUCAU, REMEXIO, LEKIDOE and BOBONARO areas were the most ones affected areas. On the other hand, Indonesian heavy artillery and rockets based in some occupied villages are continuously flaglating the surrounding areas in attempts to destroy human lives.

In the Indonesian concentration camps, massacres, tortures and executions are continuing and due to the shortage of medicaments and food, the defenceless captured population are continuously dying.

One American woman Congressman has been in DILI for a short period of time.She saw one of the most criminal farce represented by the corrupt Indonesians. The Indonesian barge 510 has carried some Indonesian troops, heavy artillery,tanks and armoured cars to hide in ATAURO ISLAND. The majority of Indonesian soldiers seriously wounded in the gun battles, were removed from DILI HOSPITAL and hided (hidden ?) in the vicinity vales. The Indonesian soldiers have dressed (in) Timorese clothing and have faced to welcome the visitor making believe they were Timorese. Meanwhile, the intimidated population were very few ,looking sadly to the visitors and shooting was going on in the outskirts of the capital Dili, and bloody gun battles in various parts of the territory.

Although the visitor has previously been warned about the Indonesian criminal farce, she has made blind eye and has enjoyed with the suffering, killing and blood of the people of East Timor. All these people issue she has distorted the real situation and worse when she publicly stated that she will ask the American Government to continue supplying military aid to Indonesia. What is the same thing to say that she support the Indonesian troops atrocities.

How can the human rights be defended when the greatest crimes being carried out by the Indonesians in East Timor is being tried to be silenced.

More than ever, the people of East Timor, once more, appeal to the world, countries, and peoples loving peace, freedom and independence of the people and those purely defenders of the human rights, to urgently act in the way to stop the Indonesian atrocities in East Timor and to force Jakarta Government to respect the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on East Timor and have immediate ,total and unconditional withdrawal of all Indonesian troops from East Timor.

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The heroic people of East Timor are controlling the national soil over 80% and will fight till the final victory, certain and inevitable. The corrupt Jakarta Government, the intruders, should hands off from East Timor.

Independence or death. To resist is to win. Armed struggle is continuing.

Highest regards, 20/4/77 ,
Alarico Jorge Fernandes. Secretary of Department of Information and National Security of the Fretilin Central Committee.

(reproduced exactly as read by Mr Fernandes. Comments and corrections by CIET in brac[illegible]

PRESS RELEASE FRETILIN RETAKE AREA CLOSE TO BAUCAU

The following news was broadcast on Radio Maubere , the National Radio of the Democratic Republic of East Timor on April 17 ,1977 :

BAUCAU : the Loilobu area is now fully under Fretilin control

LAGA : On April 10, Fretilin launched an offensive, killing 33 Indonesian soldiers, and three traitors, and wounded a lot.

BOBONARO; April 15 , at 8.30am, one Indonesian bomber shelled villages in the area, burning Timorese houses.

REMEXIO: April 12 -- one plane flew over area. April 13 -- two Indonesian Bronco OV-10 planes have bombed area in two periods from 7.30am to 8.40am, and from 10.50 am to 12.20pm. A total of 32 Timorese houses were burned. Three civilians were killed, and five wounded,including two children, one female and two males.

SAME: April 16 -- Indonesian advanced over villages.After much fighting, four Indonesian soldiers were killed and many wounded.One Fretilin guerrilla died. The enemy was repelled and fled to Ainaro village, burning out several houses and properties and killed lots of pigs.

AILEU: April 6 -- one Indonesian killed and two wounded. April 9 -- four Indonesians killed in an ambush of convoy.No Fretilin casualties.

QUELICAI : April 2 -- Fretilin ambushed enemy convoy and killed 30 Indonesians and wounded many.No Fretilin casualties. A car was destroyed.

PRESS RELEASE : FRETILIN CONDEMN MRS MEYNER'S STATEMENTS

Mr Alarico Fernandes, Minister for Information and National Security, in the English-Language section of Radio Maubere broadcast on April 17 . Mr Fernandes said that Mrs. Meyner was "drunk" when she was in Dili "after drinking a lot of wine" and then made her statements supporting the Indonesians. She contradicted herself however when she appealed for negotiations. This showed Fretilin, despite her earlier statements, was "a strong power in East Timor." Mr Fernandes strongly rejected any suggestion of negotiations saying " Negotiations never, but the immediate, total and unconditional withdrawal of Indonesian troops from East Timor" in line with the UN General Assembly resolution.

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MR TOM UREN MHR, DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION STRONGLY CONDEMNS AMERICAN CONGRESS MEMBERS STATEMENTS

on April 21

Speaking to a rally outside Parliament House ,Canberra, supporting the call for a Senate Select Committee into Indonesian aggression in East Timor, Mr Tom Uren MHR, Deputy Leader of the Labor Party Opposition in Federal Parliament made the following statement :

" I am glad to see you here today.

"You are evidence that the demands of political expediency and backroom sell-outs have not confused the Australian people about the justice of the desire of the people of Timor for national independence.

" Efforts to sell out the Timorese people continue. Only today we read in the press about secret talks between Mr Malik and Mr Peacock. Why secret ? What is Mr Peacock doing he doesn't want the Australian people to know about ? Is he contining the Government's policy of secret deals with the Indonesians ?

"This is obviously an action by the Australian Government to sooth the Indonesian Generals' hurt feelings. The testimony of Timorese refugees, as transmitted recently by Mr Jim Dunn ,has revealed the Indonesian invasion of East Timor as a brutal and unprovoked exercise. The Indonesian Generals have not relished the exposure.

"They were upset at having their hypocrisy exposed. That is why threats about riots and attacks on Australia's Jakarta Embassy were made. Since then the Indonesian Government has made desperate efforts to try to prevent any further information about East Timor leaking out. So they 'duchessed' the delegation from the US Congress visiting Indonesia to inquire into the Timorese Question.

"Yet we read in today's press of a confidential Australian Intelligence message that shows how the Indonesian Government carefully doctored the people and places the congressional visitors were to see.

'Congresswoman Meyner was reported as saying that most people in East Timor were supporting the union with Indonesia. She did not seem aware that most of the people are not in the Indonesian-held areas. They have fled to the hills to escape the murder, rape and pillage that passes for Indonesian invading armies.

" Another Congressman, Mr Derwinski, criticised Mr Dunn's evidence to the Congress saying that it was not convincing. Not convincing for whom ?

"Mr Derwinski's attitude is similar to Mr Malik's view, that any evil is justified if it is committed in the name of anti-communism. So we have the amazing news that Mr Malik casually admits that 50,000 to 80,000 people have been killed. Yet he argues that this is alright because the Timorese have thereby been saved from a so-called ' communist-dominated' Fretilin Government.

'But the most amazing distortions and exaggerations have been made in statements on the military situation. Another of the stooge Congressmen, Mr Wolff, solemnly announced last week that American arms captured in Vietnam had been found in the possession of guerrillas in Thailand and Malaysia. This ,he seems to suggest justifies the Indonesian invasion of a neighbouring independent country !

"The so-called Vice Governor of East Timor, Mr Lopez da Cruz, claimed last week that over 500 Fretilin troops had recently surrendered. He had not read his

Governments's previous communiques, which claimed that there were only 200 Fretilin guerrillas in all !

"What is the truth !

"The Indonesian military situation in East Timor is impossible and no amount of window dressing and guided tours for visiting US Congress members can change this.

"Indirect evidence of Indonesia's problems was revealed during the guided tour when the military Governor of East Timor refused to give the visitors a statement of the military situation in the region.

"Further evidence for the Indonesian military problems comes from the confidential Australian Intelligence assessments leaked to the press and published today. These reports reveal that Fretilin's forces are increasingly effective in harassing Indonesia's demoralised troops. The Indonesians are confined to the major towns and have lost control of the countryside. Like other colonial invaders, they will learn that a united people struggling for the national independence cannot be denied.

"We have a duty to aid the Timorese people in the struggle for national independence ~~fro~~, as the Labour Movement aided the Indonesian peoplein their struggle for independence from the Dutch.

"Australians have an interest because Australian journalistss were killed in the initial Indonesian invasion. But most of all Australians have an interest because people are fighting and dying.

"For a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We have an interest because of our common humanity."

PRESS STATEMENT BY CAMPAIGN FOR INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR ON US CONGRESS VISIT

Congresswoman Mrs Helen Meyner has exposed her real motives in praising the Indonesian occupation of Dili and other towns in East Timor. In a report over the ABC radio program "AM" (April 22) she was quoted as saying she was thrilled by her visit to Dili, because there were crowds to welcome her carrying placards saying "Long Live President Carter." " I felt like Queen Victoria or Queen Elizabeth visiting the colonies", she told reporters.

Mrs Meyner is a person obvious easily won over by the "royal" treatment she received from the Indonesian generals. Given the revealing note on her personality contained in the above quote, we can more easily believe Fretilin claims that she spent her time in Dili drunk !

But aside from these personal questions, Mrs Meyner's role, as a "Carter Democrat" in backing US aid to Indonesia, must be taken as an indication that the Carter Administration is going to turn a blind eye to Indonesian aggression and atrocities and back the Jakarta generals to the hilt . On the other hand, Mrs Meyner's call for "negotiations" between Jakarta and Fretilin can be taken as a US manouvre to try to help Jakarta "off the hook", in finding a way to divide the East Timorese people and Fretilin. Whatever may be the future developments in this regard, they are certain to collapse on Fretilin determination to fight to final victory. But all supporters of the East Timorese people must be alert to such manouvres.

One thing is certain: East Timor will never be Mrs Meyner's, Carter's of Suharto's colony !